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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
December 6, OLYMPIA, German steamer, 723.
Christiansen, Whampoa 6th Dec., Ballast.
—SIEMSEN & Co.
December 6, BATAVIA, Brit. bark, 451, Nelson.
Newswang 18th Nov., Beans—OIL.
December 6, SALTER, British steamer, 255, G.
Wright, Haiphong 3rd December, General.
—A. R. MARTY.
December 6, AMOV, British steamer, 814, do.
Egville, from Whampoa, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.
December 6, RU-TUW, American steamer, 620,
P. Barfoot, Shanghai 6th Dec., General.—
RUSSELL & Co.
December 6, ESMERALDA, British steamer, 335,
J. Taylor, Manila 3rd Dec., Hemp and Cu-
gar.—RUSSELL & Co.
December 6, ANNA BIEHN, German bark, 671,
H. Krause, Chefoo 30th November.
Current Account kept on terms which may
be learnt on application.

MUNIC.—Monkeys, Tops, Cornets, Niggers,
Plates, Decanters, Engines.
SNAKES.—Snakes Chinese Battle Toy Artillery,
Gum Boats, Sunday Toys, The Mystery
Cabinet, French and English Games,
Draughts, Jester, 14th Dec., Chinese Dolls, Ma-
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B. R. E. W. has just received
a MAGNIFICENT ASSORTMENT OF
CHRISTMAS GOODS.
General P. & O. S. N. Co.
December 7, SUTLE, British steamer, 2,156, A.
H. Johnson, London 15th Oct., and Singa-
pore 30th Nov., Mail and General.—P. &
O. S. N. Co.
December 7, DUBRO, German steamer, 921,
Schulte, Penang 13th, Singapore 2nd Nov.,
and Hollow 5th Dec., General.—DORFELS LA-
PLAAT & Co.

December 7, ROBERTS, British steamer, 2,193, J.
W. Brady, Shanghai 4th Dec., Mail and
General P. & O. S. N. Co.
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CLEARANCES.
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
ON DECEMBER.

Cardiganshire, British str., for Yokohama.
P. C. Kao, British str., for Swatow.
Manx, British str., for Swatow.
Kiongkang, British str., for Shanghai.
Man-rias, British str., for Haiphong.
Gracian, Spanish str., for Manila.
Guiding Star, British bark, for Pahoa.
Ayres, British str., for a cruise.
Amy, British str., for Whampoa.

DEFINITURES.
December 6, C. RODHENS, German bark, for
Manila.

December 6, JUJUETA, Spanish str., for Amoy.
Ho-ho-w.

December 6, HALLOOG, British steamer, for
Manila.

December 6, GEAVINA, Spanish str., for Manila.

December 6, KWONG-WANG, British steamer, for
Shanghai.

December 6, PHRA CHOM KLAO, British str.,
for Swatow.

December 7, NANGSHAN, British str., for Swatow.

December 7, GUIDING STAR, British bark, for
Patsho.

December 7, FOO-SIANG, British steamer, for
Whampoa.

December 7, FU-YEW, Am. str., for Whampoa.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.

Per Salte, str., from Haiphong.—16 Chinese.
Per Teaser, str., from Shanghai.—82 Chinese.

Per Dubrov, str., from Penang, &c.—273 Chi-
nese.

Per Esmralda, str., from Manila.—Mr. Cor-
bal, Gak, and 48 Chinese.

Per Foosang, str., from Shanghai.—Capt. and
Mrs. Mitchell and 2 children, 4 Europeans and
39 Chinese.

Per Douglas, str., from East Coast.—Bishop
Bardon, Capt. Lee, Mrs. and Miss Harvey, Messrs.
Pollard, Capt. Muller, Scott, and T. Ahok, and
22 Chinese.

Per Foosang, str., from Shanghai.—Mr. and
Mrs. B. L. Hart, 2 children, 2 servants, Mr.
Imai, F. Hata, G. P. Churnside, T. Churnside,
Yue Quoi, Chidcott, and Chock Nam, and
23 Chinese.

Per Rosita, str., from Shanghai.—Mr. and Mrs. Mc-
Donald, Capt. G. Scott, H. Matheson, G. Leath-
er, and 2 Chinese.

Per Foosang, str., from Shanghai.—Mr. and Mrs.
M. and Mrs. J. C. Chapman, 2 children, 2 ser-
vants, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Morris, Capt. and
Mrs. J. C. Chapman.

Per Sutle, str., for Hongkong.—From Lon-
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Correspondents are requested to forward their manuscripts and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but an evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

Orders for extra copies of the *Daily Press* should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 8TH, 1884.

The prospect of some pacific settlement of the Franco-Chinese difficulty being arrived at is of course never altogether hopeless, for the Peking Cabinet is essentially capricious, and a Palace intrigue may any day effect a transformation in the policy of the Government. At the same time we must confess to entertaining slight hope indeed of an arrangement between the bellicose being come to without farther hostilities.

Our Shanghai morning contemporary, however, has not apparently given up the case as desperate, and seems to be in possession of some information which it deems reassuring. In its issue of the 29th ult., the *Daily News* contained an article, which reviewed the political position as most unfavourable to peace prospects, and concluded as follows:—"It is, we are afraid, permissible to conclude that China intends to reopen the whole of the Tsinquiun question; and unless this is the newest diplomatic ruse, intended as an invitation to further advances on the part of France, we do not see what solution can be arrived at without the long spoken-of expedition to Peking." But appended as a footnote was the following announcement, the news having been received after the above article was put into type:—"Telegraphic advices have arrived from Peking pointing to a desire on the part of China to compass an early settlement with France." In support of this statement, the *Daily News*, in its issue of the 3rd inst., says:—"We have received advices from the North confirming the more favourable news reported in our issue of the 29th ult. There is reason to hope that, if due caution be exercised, and the present negotiations allowed to proceed unhampered, the good offices of the mediating Government will not be unfruitful of results." Nothing could be more cautious or more deliciously vague than this utterance. Either our Shanghai contemporary knows more than it cares to mention, or else it is pretending to know more than it does. It is possible that, as has happened before, information has been tendered to our contemporary clogged with the condition that it must not be used, and the *Daily News* takes this mysterious way of preparing the public for an important revelation. What value to attach to these hints is, however, difficult to determine. The information supplied to the Shanghai journals from the North is often wholly unreliable or very much coloured. A Chinese correspondent of the *Daily News*, writing from Peking, affirms that the Ministers of the Tsing-li Yamen informed Sir HARVEY PARKER that no negotiations with a view to peace were possible as long as the French continued to blockade Formosa. The Tientsin correspondent of the same paper also says it is reported that Prince Cixi, while not desirous for war, and ready to listen to terms of peace, is opposed to payment of any indemnity or cession of territory. Sir HARVEY PARKER is a very able diplomatist, and he may succeed, perhaps, in convincing the Chinese Government that the terms last proposed by France were reasonable, and much better than they are likely to get if the hostilities are greatly prolonged, but if Prince Cixi remains obstinate it is plainly obvious that no agreement can possibly be arrived at. The French Government are anxious for a settlement, but they cannot concede more than they last proposed to do without losing the confidence of the country. Seeing the gulf between the views of the two Governments, and the difficulty of bridging it, except by one of them yielding almost unconditionally, we are not disposed to attach much value to the obscure statements of our Shanghai contemporary. They may be inspired, even, and yet turn out premature or unwarrantable, for nothing is more doubtful than the course of Chinese politics. Possibly, it is a knowledge of this very uncertainty that has induced the *Daily News* to speak so guardedly, in order that it may not, later on, have to confess itself mistaken or deceived.

The Agents (Messrs. Jarlaine, Matheson & Co.) inform us that the Glen Line steamer *Glen Garry*, from London, left Singapore on Friday for this port.

A telegram was received in Shanghai on the 3rd inst. from Tientsin stating that the Pei-ho river is closed, and that the *Kowshing*'s cargo was being landed at Taku.

It is notified in Saturday's *Gazette* that Mr. Thomas Kirkman, Deputy Assistant-Master in the Government Confucius School, reported his arrival in the Colony on the 1st inst.

The returns of the Collector of Stamp Revenue for the month of November show that \$11,253.00 was collected as compared with \$15,953.46 in the same month last year, a net decrease of \$2,183.42.

The German freighter *Storch* left Shanghai for Amoy and Hongkong on the 3rd inst.

H. M. Cormwell's Champion arrived at Amoy from Coromandel on the 29th ult.

The Pan-Pacific steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with the next American mail, left San Francisco, on the 22nd ult. for Yokohama and this port.

At the regular meeting of Zetland Lodge, No. 525, held on Saturday evening Bro. G. C. Cox was elected Wor. Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Heribert Treasurer, and Bro. Grindal Vice-Pres.

We hear that Colour-Sergeant Mackenzie of the The Buffs, who lately deserted, and is believed, had joined the Chinese service, is now at Shanghai, and will probably be handed over to the Military Authorities here.

A notice is directed to a notice to mariners on our first page intimating that, while the South Dutch Folly Bank is being rebuilt a sampan will be kept near the site showing a green light at night and a red flag during the day.

The *Straits Times* of the 21st ult. publishes the following telegram from a private source:—"Last night a very severe cyclone was raging on the Madras coast. Great damage has been done to buildings, and it is feared, though not ascertained yet, that shipping has suffered."

A notice to mariners published on our front page announces that Aspinng Light, South Formosa, was extinguished on the 26th ult., and that the continued exhibition of the lights at Fisher Island and South Cape cannot be reckoned during the present blockade of the ports and coast of Formosa.

The following charters have been effected at Manila:—The German barque *Wilhelm Heine*, German barque *Undine*, German barque *Hecht*, and British barque *Agnes Hall*, all for Liverpool, sugar at £17 7s. 6d. and hemp at £21 10s.; British ship *Commodore Queen*, for San Francisco with sugar, private terms. The Spanish steamship *Coral* takes to Liverpool sugar and some 500 bales hemp on private terms.

The *Tiong-shan* correspondent of the *Mercury* writes, under date 25th November, that news has reached there from Tsinquiun that both Tseng Li-fang and Fan Yung-tao admit they had the reason why the French came to victory was because the French were aided by the Annamites and Tsinquiun Christians, and under these circumstances they fear nothing can be done.

The authorities of this colony have decided it necessary in the interests of decency and morality to close a Chinese house of entertainment, the Po Lok Theatre in Hollywood-road. The building was leased by a Swatow company of actors, and they have introduced to the stage such gross indecency that the Registrar-General has closed the place. The French have been compelled to withdraw from the *Waverley* and the *Victory* has been despatched of the following letter to the Aborigines Protection Society:—

"The following charters have been effected at Manila:—The German barque *Wilhelm Heine*, German barque *Undine*, German barque *Hecht*, and British barque *Agnes Hall*, all for Liverpool, sugar at £17 7s. 6d. and hemp at £21 10s.; British ship *Commodore Queen*, for San Francisco with sugar, private terms. The Spanish steamship *Coral* takes to Liverpool sugar and some 500 bales hemp on private terms.

The arrangement it was anticipated would be made for the forthcoming regatta was carried at a meeting of the rowing men held in the Gymnasium on Saturday afternoon. It was decided that the first four-oared race of the day should be the *Li-fang* Cup, the mile and half race, and the second race of the day the *Li-fang* Cup, the *Li-fang* trophy. The third race of the day was to be the *Li-fang* Cup, the mile and half race, and the fourth race of the day the *Li-fang* Cup, the *Li-fang* trophy. The fifth race of the day was to be the *Li-fang* Cup, the mile and half race, and the sixth race of the day the *Li-fang* Cup, the *Li-fang* trophy. The seventh race of the day was to be the *Li-fang* Cup, the mile and half race, and the eighth race of the day the *Li-fang* Cup, the *Li-fang* trophy. The ninth race of the day was to be the *Li-fang* Cup, the mile and half race, and the tenth race of the day the *Li-fang* Cup, the *Li-fang* trophy. 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The Admiralty have directed the *Rambler*, a screw composite gun-vessel, 774 tons, 60-horse power, attached to the First Division of the Midway Siam Reserve, to be commissioned on Nov. 11 by Commander the Hon. F. C. Fradgley, Vice-Admiral, for surveying services to be rendered to the Chinese Government by the *Fei-hoo*.

We hear that Colour-Sergeant Mackenzie of the The Buffs, who lately deserted, and it is believed, had joined the Chinese service, is now at Shanghai, and will probably be handed over to the Military Authorities here.

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China now and surprising for old conservative China to take, especially in the Imperial city itself.

Quite a number of agents for foreign firms are at present in Peking. Ammunition, loans, stocks, &c., are offered at the lowest rates.

The weather is getting cold, and the inland rivers are fast freezing up. The river from Taku here, however, is still perfectly clear, and we hope to see steamers make two more trips before the north is closed for this year.

No sign of peace yet, though the Chinese are playing a compounding game. It is said that the French are in Formosa are heavy, and must be prepared for a long stay. The English are dead from fever and dysentery. The one thing certain seems to be that Admiral Courbet's ships are seriously underranged.—*Daily News Correspondent.*

24th November.

Li Hung-chang does not go to Peking; he has arranged that it is necessary, besides pleading "need of his services," to form a militia, &c., to give him time to form a military force. Mr. Kien-tchen says that he is greatly disappointed without Li, and he is looking round for friends to stand by him in this time of need.

Li Hung-chang has sent the C.M.S.N. Company accounts to Peking, which show that the managers of the Company have considerably overdrawn their accounts.

It is stated that it has sent the accounts as a proof he had good reasons for parting with the company.

THE RELIEF FUND.
London, 15th November.

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Mr. Doring's mining engineers have arrived at Kandahar, Soolin, two locations, three engineers having been specially despatched from Dongola with the remainder.

Left for Port Li; there it is said to leave Port Li in two fast cruisers, meeting Admiral Ting at Wusong, and it is reported that Teung Kwachuan's squadron will join Li's squadron, and start for Formosa to meet the Keling mine from Admiral Courbet and work them.

Lord Kimberley has been despatched on account of his services at Ningpo, and Shanghai, and so doing gave Admiral Courbet an opportunity to set as he has done at Foochow and Formosa, and now he has to remedy it, and is allowed to remain in office and to prove what his Li's fleet can actually do.

The £100,000 has safely reached General Li Hung-chang.

General Tepezi is only to reign here till 15th Dec. of the 11th moon, when he is to prepare for his new office, as Minister for America, and Hung Tepezi is spoken of as the man to fill his place.

The day before yesterday Li Hung-chang issued Mr. Doring's Sub-Master's license to the Ping Chuen Chin Copper Mine, yet he looks to Tepezi as the chief for the out-turn, &c., So it is not a very flattering permission to Mr. Doring.

There is a rumour here amongst the natives that Mr. Doring is to be called by Li to take active service either in Tonquin or Formosa.

One of our old China residents, known as General Brown, during 1860 to 1870, a Commissioner of Customs, and who organised the British Legation in what is known as Prince Chun's camp, died here. Arrived about ten days since, and is buried at the "Astor House," has entered Li's service as Chief Foreign Interpreter and Chief Military adviser, so Mr. Doring has lost his position somewhere since Mr. Brown's arrival. Mr. Doring must have known something of this, and no doubt that is why he wished to be Commissioner at Shanghai—*Morley Correspondent.*

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Mr. Peter Lunnen has arrived at Sarahs, and has joined the Afghan cavalry and has opened communications with Colonel Ridge-way.

DISBURSES IN PESTA.
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Mr. Chilvers announced an increase of two-pence in the income tax for the half-year to defray the cost of the Nile expedition.

Mr. W. S. Caine has been appointed Civil Engineer.

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28th November.

The Hui-han Tao-ting has taken over by H.E. Chou Yu on the 2nd of this Chinese month. The loan of £5,000,000 has not been finally accomplished yet, though there is every prospect of the business being settled in the next few days, the officials in Peking, however, are so busy in attending to the celebration of the Empress's birthday, that they seem to have time for nothing else.

Son Geng-tsun, the Chi Tao-ting in Foochow, and the Hui-han Tao-ting in Mongolia, are to leave their places, and on their refusal to do so were bound, so report goes, in cords, and compelled to lead their steps southward. This mine has lately been taken charge of by Mr. G. Doring, who had specimens of ore analysed in Germany with good results, and we are sure that the business will be well conducted, and the enterprise will be a success in the near future. On the other hand, it has only the name of being director, while Mr. Doring is in reality the main spring of all its workings. There is said to be already dug out and ready for smelting, which will occupy smelters for some years.

Several steamers have arrived in Taku, but have been held in for fear of being frozen in. The Chinese say that the river will not be closed yet for a fortnight to come.

It is reported that Prince Chun has declared that China will never ask for indemnity, but will fight so long as she has a man left. He, however, does not desire war, and will listen to any reasonable terms of peace, without the payment of an indemnity or the loss of territory. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the efforts of Sir Henry Parkes will be successful.

A fire occurred in the Yeroye's yamen on the 26th instant. It was, however, easily put out. Everything has been quiet, and the foreign settlement in perfect order.

27th November.

The most serious attack on foreigners that has ever occurred in North China by bandits, was made a short time since in the district of Ching Chen south of Taku, on Miao-shan Wherry and Lantau of Peking. They were on their way from Peking to a small on-station in Shantung, and as the story comes to us, had left their inn a little before daylight, as is common among Chinese travellers. Not far from the village in which they had spent the night, they were set upon by a party of ten or twelve men armed with bows and arrows, and of all their money, and such clothing, shirts, &c., coats as would be useful and easily carried about, were offered no resistance—the bandit having been told that their persons were unharmed. The master was at once reported to the nearest magistrate, who rendered them every assistance needed, and seemed to be determined to find the perpetrators. The Chinese, however, said that the robbers had been sent by the Emperor, and that the Chinese government had no right to interfere with the citizens of putting a stop to waylay operations which were so prejudicial to trade and commerce.

Mr. Gladstone—The time is too early for me to give an answer to this question of the hon. baronet. I have communicated with my office, and the proprietor selected the "Cock" as the best hotel in the old town, and the inn, and the best establishment, and the name, threatened to deprive him of many of his customers, in consequence of the guide-books recommending the "Cock" as the best inn, wrote under the bishop's hand at his door: "The original Old Cock," to the great amusement of the bishop, who used to relate the story with much glee.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. and O. steamer *Sulter*, from Bombay 15th November, via Colombo, Penang, and Singapore, with the English mail of the 31st October, arrived here yesterday morning. We take the subjoined telegram from Caylon and Indian papers:

THE MOVEMENTS OF THE MARSHAL.
London, 14th November.

The Maréchal de Dongal telegraphs that 13,500 of the Mahdi's men are marching against Dongola.

NEWS FROM GENERAL GORDON.
Cairo, 24th November.

A letter has been received from General Gordon dated 4th inst., stating that he is able to hold out at Khartoum, and that he confirms the death of Col. Stewart and party.

Cairo, 15th November.

General Gordon's letter states that he is delighted to hear of the British advance and hopes to hold out until their arrival. He says he intends to harass with his steamer the enemy in their attempt to approach Khartoum, and adds that the Mahdi himself is only one day's journey distant.

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